



He shoots, he scores...

Vernon's Doug Wiffen wearing sweater number 10 in white jersey, was Johnny on the spot during part of the exciting action in B.C. Junior hockey at the civic arena last Saturday night when he scored a goal in a winning cause in which the Essos took a 7-5 victory away from visiting New Westminster Royals. A rookie to the Junior A level this year, Wiffen has grown up in the Vernon hockey scene having played all his life in the minor hockey program here.

—Doug Bulwer Jr. photo



SPORTS



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Stamps-Warriors take NOHL opener

The North Okanagan hockey league got off to an auspicious start Sunday night as the four team loop opened with a pair of games at Vernon Civic arena.

In the final 20 minute session, both teams came through with single goals with Rod Star going

George Beck in the Cougars net. Cliff McKay had the honor of doing the solo scoring in the second period when he and Adam Gregory and Tom McLean teamed with McKay scoring at the 7:47 mark.

Rockets here Wednesday

Essos take Royals 7-5

Vernon 7
New Westminster 5
Vernon Essos got back on the win trail Saturday night as they took on New Westminster Royals at Civic arena and came away with a 7-5 win in the B.C. Junior A hockey league action.

The Essos almost gleefully aided their own cause and at the same time helped to keep a disastrous weekend intact for the Royals who were making their first swing into the Interior this season.

Essos stepped on the ice still smarting from their 6-1 shellacking at the hands of the Pentiction Broncos last Wednesday and with four ex-Vernon players wearing the Royals colors were not about to let anyone beat them at this stage of the league schedule.

Royals on the other hand were not too happy with their loss at Kelowna Friday night at the hands of Buckaroos who had gone into the game with three straight losses themselves, then Sunday afternoon at Kamloops. Royals allowed the Rockets to blank them 5-0 for their third loss in as many nights.

Playing before over 700 fans, the Essos found themselves with a 3-2 deficit at the end of the first period, but roared back with four goals to one in the second frame then swapped single markers in the final period for the victory.

Essos scoring statistics

Five games played:

	GP	G	A	Pen min	Pts.
1 Jim Lawrence	5	2	12	4	14
2 Dave Neil	5	4	6	4	10
3 Ed Johnstone	5	4	5	4	9
4 Jim Marsh	5	2	3	4	5
5 Jack Fleming	5	3	1	9	4
6 Doug Wiffen	5	2	1	2	3
7 Gordon Merritt	5	2	1	2	3
8 Ernie Gare	4	1	2	6	3
9 Rob Taylor	4	1	1	0	2
10 Wayne	1	1	0	0	1
11 Dave Gurniak	1	1	0	0	1
12 Rod Cox	5	0	1	5	1
13 Merv See	5	0	1	6	1
14 Bob Gassoff	5	0	1	21	1
15 Bob Powell	5	0	1	2	1
16 Mike Roach	1	0	1	2	1
17 John Price	0	0	0	0	0
18 Willy Bevan	2	0	0	0	0
19 Serge Barabe	1	0	0	0	0
20 Ken Gassoff	2	0	0	0	0

Goalies:

G	minutes played	goals saved	Goals Against	Ave.	
Leo Karchie	4	217:43	123	13	3.25
Wayne Price	2	82:17	50	7	3.50
Mike Smithson	0	0	0	0	0

Team	Gp	Won	Lost	Tied	GF	GA	Pts
Vernon Essos	5	3	1	1	23	20	7

In grass hockey

Vernon girls are zone champs

Vernon senior high school girls have taken the North zone grass hockey championships,

clashed head on with Salmon Arm and when it was all over came away with a 2-0 victory.

New Westminster opened quickly with a goal at 1:12 of the initial period when Jim Dalzell scored the first of a two goal performance on his part in the game.

Essos however, were just as quick to recover as they took advantage of a power play with 3:12 left in the first period. Lawrence Quechuk of the Royals sent out an interference penalty.

Quechuk was sent off at the 2:47 mark and 10 seconds later Jim Marsh banged in a screen shot from the left point after Jim Lawrence snagged the puck from the face-off.

The Royals then jumped into the lead once more at 6:36 on a three-way passing play which saw Jack Marsh begin the play from his own zone and move it to Jim Dalzell who in turn passed to Jack McIlhargey who scored on a hard drive that had Essos goalie Wayne Price screened.

Doug Wiffen then brought the fans to their feet at 13:07 when he scored from a smart piece of passing staged by Ed Johnstone who had picked up the puck from centreman Gordon Merritt. Johnstone carried the puck deep into the Royals territory and then slipped it to Wiffen who was in the open at the goal mouth.

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New West then grabbed their short lived lead when Jack Marsh picked up a loose puck at centre and scooted in for an unassisted goal at 18:22 with

Essos went into the game still missing veterans John Price and Wayne Dye and with lead goalie Leo Karchie out with a pair of broken fingers and winger Ernie Gare recovering from a mild concussion had to rely on their second and third lines quite extensively.

Essos netman Wayne Price proved himself in the game as he pushed aside a total of 45 shots that came his way, while at the other end of the rink, Terry Richardson and Maurice L'Heureux shared the net chores, stopping 26 between them.

In the penalty department, both teams shared dubious honors by taking six assessments each.

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